

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-28. (Cancelled).

29. (Currently Amended) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 2445, wherein said quality evaluating information is a using period of said transaction target article; and

said quality information is said using period divided into a plurality of time periods corresponding to a using condition of said transaction target article each of a plurality of advertising periods.

30. (Previously Presented) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 29, wherein said statistic value calculating unit executes no process if said using period exceeds a predetermined limit.

31. (Currently Amended) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 2345, wherein said quality evaluating information is an answer to a question about an assessment item for said transaction target article; and

said quality information is an assessment rank corresponding to an assessment score incremented or decremented based on said answer to said question.

32. (Currently Amended) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 2345, wherein said transaction target article is a component of a vehicle.

33. (Previously Presented) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 29, further comprising:

a maintenance information storage unit storing specific vehicle component information and information indicating when vehicle component exchange work or a vehicle cleaning work were performed; and

said using period is set as the period of time from carrying out said exchange work or said cleaning work to present,

where said receiving unit receives said specific vehicle component information in place of said using period information as said quality evaluating information and said specific vehicle component information identifies said transaction target article as the target of said vehicle component exchange work or said vehicle cleaning work.

34-39. (Cancelled).

40. (Currently Amended) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim ~~35~~48,

wherein said quality evaluating information is a using period of said transaction target article; and

said quality information is said using period divided into a plurality of time periods corresponding to a ~~using condition of said transaction target article~~each of a plurality of advertising periods.

41. (Previously Presented) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 40, wherein said statistic value calculating unit executes no process if said using period exceeds a predetermined limit.

42. (Currently Amended) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 3448, wherein said quality evaluating information is an answer to a question about an assessment item for said transaction target article; and

said quality information is an assessment rank corresponding to an assessment score incremented or decremented based on said answer to said question.

43. (Currently Amended) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 3448, wherein said transaction target article is a component of a vehicle.

44. (Previously Presented) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 40, further comprising:

storing specific vehicle component information and information indicating when vehicle component exchange work or vehicle cleaning work was done;

setting said using period as the period of time from carrying out said exchange work or said cleaning work to present,

where said specific vehicle component information identifies said transaction target article as the target of said vehicle component exchange work or said vehicle cleaning work.

45. (New) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article comprising:

a transaction target database to store records each containing identifying information and quality information for transaction target articles;

a transaction history database to store transaction achievement information records each containing completed transaction price for a transaction target article and

necessary time related information relating to the time necessary to conduct said transaction for said transaction target article;

a receiving unit that receives from said requester said identifying information of said transaction target article to be set for said transaction price, quality evaluating information for evaluating quality of said transaction target article and a desired transaction price;

a reading unit that reads, from said transaction target database, any records containing quality information coincident with said identifying information and quality evaluating information received by said receiving unit, and extracts, from said transaction history database, as a plurality of first extraction records, any transaction achievement records coincident with said identifying information and said quality information;

an extracting unit that extracts a plurality of second extraction records from said plurality of first extraction records, each second extraction record containing a completed transaction price that belongs to one of said price ranges inclusive of the desired transaction price;

a statistic value calculating unit that divides a number of said plurality of second extraction records into a total number of necessary days to complete the transactions for said transaction target articles obtained based on the necessary time related information included in said plurality of second extraction records to calculate an average number of bid tender days;

a transmitting unit that transmits to said requester said quality information read by said reading unit and said average number of bid tender days calculated by said statistic value calculating unit; and

a first collection table to collect said number of first extraction records, said total number of necessary days and said sum of complete transaction prices corresponding to each of said price ranges;

said statistic value calculating unit executing a process with respect to each of said plurality of first extraction records, said process comprising:

determining said completed transaction price included in one of said plurality of first extraction records;

incrementing by one said number of first extraction records on said first collection table corresponding to one of said price ranges inclusive of the completed transaction price included in one of said plurality of first extraction records;

adding days necessary to complete said transaction for said transaction target article based on the necessary time related information included in one of said first extraction records to said total number of necessary days in said first collection table corresponding to one of said price ranges; and

adding said completed transaction price included in one of said plurality of first extraction records to the sum of completed transaction prices in said first collection table corresponding to one of said price ranges,

after processing with respect to all of said plurality of first extraction records are completed, said statistic value calculating unit divides said total number of necessary days and said sum of completed transaction prices corresponding to one of said price ranges stored on said first collection table into said number of first extraction records corresponding to one of said price ranges to calculate an average number of bid tender days and an average transaction price corresponding to each of said price ranges, and

a transmitting unit transmitting to said requester said average number of bid tender days and said average transaction price corresponding to each of said price ranges.

46. (New) A system providing price setting support information to a requester for setting a price for a transaction target article comprising:

a transaction target database to store records each containing identifying information and quality information for said transaction target article;

a transaction history database to store transaction achievement information records each containing completed transaction price for a transaction target article and

necessary time related information relating to the time necessary to conduct the transaction for said transaction target article;

a receiving unit that receives from said requester said identifying information of said transaction target article to be set for said transaction price, quality evaluating information for evaluating quality of said transaction target article and a desired transaction price;

a reading unit that reads, from said transaction target database, any records containing quality information coincident with said identifying information and quality evaluating information received by the receiving unit, and extracts, from said transaction history database, as a plurality of first extraction records, any transaction achievement records coincident with said identifying information and said quality information;

an extracting unit that extracts a plurality of second extraction records from said plurality of first extraction records, each second extraction record containing a completed transaction price that belongs to one of said price ranges inclusive of the desired transaction price;

a statistic value calculating unit that divides a number of said plurality of second extraction records into a total number of necessary days to complete the transactions for said transaction target articles obtained based on the necessary time related information included in said plurality of second extraction records to calculate an average number of bid tender days;

a transmitting unit that transmits to said requester said quality information read by said reading unit and said average number of bid tender days calculated by said statistic value calculating unit; and

a second collection table to collect said number of first extraction records, said total number of necessary days and said sum of completed transaction prices corresponding to each of a plurality of advertising periods for transaction information;

said statistic value calculating unit executing a process with respect to each of said plurality of first extraction records, said process comprising:

obtaining necessary days to complete the transaction for said transaction target article based on said necessary time related information included in one of said plurality of first extraction records;

incrementing by one said number of first extraction records on said second collection table corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods inclusive of said necessary days obtained based on one of said plurality of first extraction records;

adding said necessary days to said total number of necessary days in said second collection table corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods; and

adding said completed transaction price included in one of said plurality of first extraction records to the sum of transaction prices on said second collection table corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods,

after processing with respect to all of said plurality of first extraction records are completed, said statistic value calculating unit divides said total number of necessary days and said sum of completed transaction prices corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods stored in said second collection table into said number of first collection records corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods to calculate an average number of bid tender days and an average transaction price corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods,

a transmitting unit transmitting to said requester said average number of bid tender days and said average transaction price corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods.

47. (New) A system according to claim 45, further comprising a second collection table to collect said number of first extraction records, said total number of necessary days and said sum of completed transaction prices corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods for transaction information;

said statistic value calculating unit executing a process with respect to each of said plurality of first extraction records, said process comprising:

obtaining days necessary to complete the transaction for said transaction target article based on said necessary time related information included in one of said plurality of first extraction records;

incrementing by one said number of first extraction records in said second collection table corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods inclusive of said necessary days obtained based on one of said plurality of first extraction records;

adding said necessary days to said total number of necessary days on said second collection table corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods; and

adding said completed transaction price included in one of said plurality of first extraction records to said sum of transaction prices in said second collection table corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods,

after processing with respect to all of said plurality of first extraction records are completed, said statistic value calculating unit divides said total number of necessary days and said sum of completed transaction prices corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods stored in said second collection table into said number of first collection records corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods to calculate an average number of bid tender days and an average transaction price corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods,

said transmitting unit transmitting to said requester said average number of bid tender days and said average transaction price corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods.

48. (New) A method of providing price setting support information to a requester for setting a price for a transaction target article comprising:



receiving from said requester identifying information of said transaction target article to be set for a transaction price, quality evaluating information for evaluating quality of said transaction target article and a desired transaction price;

a reading unit that reads, from said transaction target database, which holds records each containing identifying information and quality information for a transaction target article, any records containing quality information coincident with said identifying information and quality evaluating information which is received, and extracts, from said transaction history database, which holds transaction achievement information records each containing completed transaction price for said transaction target article and necessary time related information relating to the time necessary to conduct the transaction for said transaction target article, as a plurality of first extraction records, any transaction achievement records coincident with said identifying information and said quality information;

extracting a plurality of second extraction records from said plurality of first extraction records, each second extraction record containing a completed transaction price that belongs to one of said price ranges inclusive of the desired transaction price;

dividing said number of said plurality of second transaction records into said total number of necessary days to complete said transactions for said transaction target article obtained based on the necessary time related information included in said plurality of second extraction records to calculate an average number of bid tender days;

transmitting to said requester the quality information read by said reading unit and said average number of bid tender days calculated by said statistic value calculating unit;

executing a process with respect to each of said plurality of first extraction records, the process using a first collection table to collect said number of first extraction records, said total number of necessary days and said sum of complete transaction prices corresponding to each of said price ranges and including:

determining the completed transaction price included in one of said plurality of first extraction records;

incrementing by one said number of first extraction records on said first collection table corresponding to one of said price ranges inclusive of the completed transaction price included in one of said plurality of first extraction records;

adding days necessary to complete said transaction for said transaction target article based on the necessary time related information included in one of said first extraction records to total number of necessary days in said first collection table corresponding to one of said price ranges; and

adding said completed transaction price included in one of said plurality of first extraction records to sum of completed transaction prices on said first collection table corresponding to one of said price ranges;

after processing with respect to all of said plurality of first extraction records are completed, dividing said total number of necessary days and said sum of completed transaction prices corresponding to one of said price ranges stored on the first collection table into said number of first extraction records corresponding to one of said price ranges to calculate an average number of bid tender days and an average transaction price corresponding to each of said price ranges; and

transmitting to said requester said average number of bid tender days and said average transaction price corresponding to each of said price ranges.

49. (New) A method of providing price setting support information to a requester for setting a price for a transaction target article comprising:

receiving from said requester identifying information of said transaction target article to be set for a transaction price, quality evaluating information for evaluating quality of said transaction target article and a desired transaction price;

a reading unit that reads, from the transaction target database, which holds records each containing identifying information and quality information for said transaction target article, any records containing quality information coincident with

said identifying information and quality evaluating information which is received, and extracts, from said transaction history database, which holds transaction achievement information records each containing completed transaction price for a transaction target article and necessary time related information relating a time necessary to conduct said transaction for said transaction target article, as a plurality of first extraction records, any transaction achievement records coincident with said identifying information and said quality information;

extracting a plurality of second extraction records from said plurality of first extraction records, each second extraction record containing the completed transaction price that belongs to one of said price ranges inclusive of the desired transaction price;

dividing said number of said plurality of second extraction records into said total number of necessary days to complete said transactions for said transaction target article obtained based on said necessary time related information included in said plurality of second extraction records to calculate an average number of bid tender days;

transmitting to said requester said quality information read by said reading unit and said average number of bid tender days calculated by said statistic value calculating unit;

executing processing with respect to each of said plurality of first extraction records, said process using a second collection table to collect said number of first extraction records, said total number of necessary days and said sum of completed transaction prices corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods for transaction information and including:

obtaining necessary days necessary to complete said transaction for said transaction target article based on the necessary time related information included in one of said plurality of first extraction records;

incrementing by one said number of first extraction records in said second collection table corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods inclusive

of said necessary days obtained based on one of said plurality of first extraction records;

adding said necessary days to said total number of necessary days in said second collection table corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods; and

adding said completed transaction price included in one of said plurality of first extraction records to said sum of transaction prices in said second collection table corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods;

after processing with respect to all of said plurality of first extraction records are completed, dividing said total number of necessary days and said sum of completed transaction prices corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods stored in said second collection table into said number of first collection records corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods to calculate an average number of bid tender days and an average transaction price corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods; and

transmitting to said requester said average number of bid tender days and said average transaction price corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods.

50. (New) A method according to claim 48, further comprising executing a process with respect to each of said plurality of first extraction records, said process using said second collection table to collect said number of first extraction records, said total number of necessary days and said sum of completed transaction prices corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods for transaction information and including:

obtaining necessary days necessary to complete said transaction for said transaction target article based on said necessary time related information included in one of said plurality of first extraction records;

incrementing by one said number of first extraction records on said second collection table corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods inclusive of the necessary days obtained based on one of said plurality of first extraction records;

adding said necessary days to said total number of necessary days on said second collection table corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods; and

adding said completed transaction price included in one of said plurality of first extraction records to said sum of transaction prices on said second collection table corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods;

after processing with respect to all of said plurality of first extraction records are completed, dividing said total number of necessary days and said sum of completed transaction prices corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods stored in said second collection table into said number of first collection records corresponding to one of said plurality of advertising periods to calculate an average number of bid tender days and an average transaction price corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods; and

transmitting to said requester said average number of bid tender days and said average transaction price corresponding to each of said plurality of advertising periods.